

REMARKS

The above amendment along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated April 2, 2003, the period for response expiring July 2, 2003.

Claims 1-3 and 8-9 are under consideration in this application. Claims 4-7 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Certified English Translation of Priority Documents

The certified translations of the priority documents JP 1999-372849 and JP 1999-372850 will be submitted shortly as soon as they are available to prove that the invention is actually "quadrilateral" rather than being limited to "square" since the corresponding Japanese word means "quadrilateral" In both of the Japanese priority documents.

Formality Rejection

Claims 1-3, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that is not within the scope of the specification. The Examiner stated that a "quadrilateral" which was not originally claimed in the application is a much broader term than a "square" and therefore, it is considered new matter. As indicated, the invention is actually "quadrilateral" rather than being limited to "square." Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality rejection is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

Prior Art Rejection

The rejections have been withdrawn.

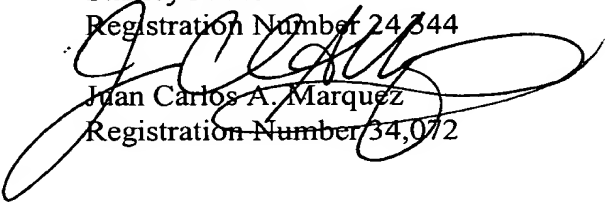
Accordingly, the present invention as now recited in all the claims is distinguishable and thereby allowable over the rejections raised in the Office Action. The withdrawal of the outstanding prior art rejections is in order, and is respectfully solicited.

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicant respectfully contends that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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